

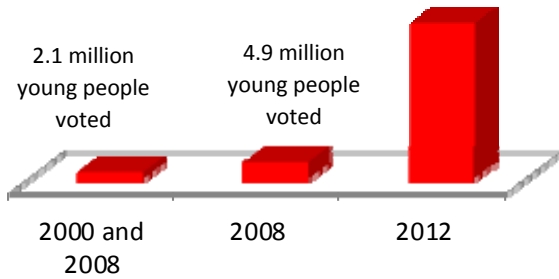


The **26TH AMENDMENT** lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years on July 1, 1971. In 1972, 51% of 18-24 year olds voted.

### 18-29 Aged Voters

Today, 44 million young voters are eligible to vote.

If all young people voted



Is there something **YOU** want to change in your community, state or country?

### WHY VOTE?

- YOU can make a difference!
- Its **YOUR** right!
- Do you want **someone** else deciding who runs your country?
- Voting is one of the ways you can **make changes** on the issues you believe in.
- Many issues today affect young people. When events like September 11th occur, our government responds. Make sure it is responding the way you want!

### DOES YOUR VOTE COUNT?

Absolutely! In 1960, it was a close presidential race. Just three votes per precinct made John F Kennedy president instead of Richard Nixon.



## COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IS HERE TO HELP YOU.

5201 Ruffin Road, Suite I  
San Diego, California 92123  
858-565-5800  
<http://www.sdvote.com>

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

- <http://lwvc.convio.net>
- <http://www.smartvoter.org>
- <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter/>  
This website has information in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese.
- Check video on registering to vote on [www.youtube.com/iRegisteriVote](http://www.youtube.com/iRegisteriVote)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- You can register when you are 17 years old! Go ahead and turn in your application.
- When the constitution was written, only white males who owned land were allowed to vote (about 10% of the population.)
- Since then 6 amendments have been passed allowing today's voters to vote.



*Don't keep waiting on  
the world to change!  
Start the change now!  
**VOTE** your mind!*

**IREGISTER IVOTE** is a campaign to encourage young people to register and vote. This Girl Scout Gold project by E. Lostritto is sponsored by the San Diego County, Registrar of Voters. With information from Rock the Vote and League of Women Voters

# iRegister iVote

**A guide for  
young voters**



**Congratulations—you're 18  
or soon to be!**

Finally an adult! One of our freedoms is being able to vote for our laws and for those who govern us. Voting is a privilege in our country and the **adult thing to do to**—Take advantage of it.

## HERE'S A GUIDE TO HELP YOU VOTE!

### WHO CAN VOTE?

- **A U.S. CITIZEN**
- **AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD**
- **NOT IN PRISON OR ON PAROLE FOR A FELONY**



### REGISTRATION

Here are the steps to follow:

**Option 1:** Use the on line Voter

Registration Form at:  
[www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com)

**Option 2:** Fill out a postcard available at:

Registrar of Voters Office,  
Department of Motor Vehicles,  
Public Libraries and U.S. Postal Services.

**Option 3:** Call 858-565-3800 (Registrar of  
Voters) and a postcard will be mailed to you.

### FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM

It's easy. Just fill in basic information such as your **NAME, ADDRESS, BIRTH DATE AND PLACE,** and **DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.**

Decide which **POLITICAL PARTY** listed below that you want to be affiliated with based on your political and social values and world view. You can also select "No Party Preference."

- American Independent
- Americans Elect
- Democratic
- Libertarian
- Green
- Peace and Freedom
- Republican

If you are unsure, check the League of Women Voters website for explanation of differences between political parties.

### GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL?

Initial on line 15 and your ballot will be mailed to you. You can vote in your own home or dorm room.

### WHERE DO I SEND IT?

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
PO BOX 85093  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92186-9910**



- Registration must be mailed at least 15 days before an election.
- Your registration doesn't even need a stamp! Just put it in the mail.

After the ROV checks your information, you receive a postcard confirming your registration!

### GET READY FOR THE ELECTION:



Before the election you will receive a:

- Booklet mailed to your home telling you about state candidates and ballot measures.
  - Sample ballot listing everything you will be voting on.
- The back cover of the sample ballot lists where you go to vote (called a precinct.)
- We vote on two types of things
1. People—called candidates.
  2. Propositions—are proposed laws. These can be either state or local laws. A proposition may be proposed by the State Legislature or by a petition signed by the public. State propositions are numbered and local laws are lettered.

### CHOOSE HOW TO VOTE

1. **AT YOUR POLLING PLACE**
2. **BY MAIL WITH A 'VOTE BY MAIL' BALLOT**
3. **BEFORE ELECTION DAY AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICES**

### ON ELECTION DAY:

- Look on back cover of sample ballot for the location where you go to vote.
- Bring the sample ballot with you so you know what your choices are.

### CHECK IN:

- You will be asked your name to see if it is on the list of registered voters in your area.
- Sign your name on that list.
- You will be handed a ballot to mark your votes on.

### MARK YOUR BALLOT:

- Go into a voting booth.
- Mark your ballot.
- You don't have to vote on everything.
- You can ask for help.
- If you make a mistake, you can ask for another ballot.

### CAST YOUR BALLOT:

- Your ballot goes in a sealed ballot box.
- Get an "I Voted" sticker.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOU HAVE JUST HAD A SAY  
IN YOUR GOVERNMENT !**

